## Using StageZero Life Sciences as a Case Study for the Publication of All Research Reports Online

written by Tracy Weslosky | June 28, 2021 Analyst Chris Thompson published a piece on <u>eResearch</u> on <u>StageZero Life Sciences Ltd.</u> (TSX: SZLS) this weekend titled, "StageZero Valuation Report Pegs Stock Price Between \$0.67 and \$14.14", the sub-header reads *Report Assumes Aristotle Revenue Impact Starting in 03/2021.* 

As the Publisher of InvestorIntel Corp., we are partial to <u>Chris</u> <u>Thompson</u> content as he is an outstanding guest columnist and knowledgeable host that occasionally shares his talents with InvestorIntel.com. Extensively educated (CFA, MBA, P.Eng) and experienced, if it was up to me I would like to publish all of Chris Thompson's eResearch reports in their entirety as they are released.

Does this mean I agree with him in his entirety? Hell, no. However, this is where I believe we need to remind the securities regulators that more and more of us are managing our own funds, and having access to more analysis is an example of the real tools we need to arm ourselves and evolve into the well equipped investors we want to be.

It simply makes sense. Why should we rely on savvy Reddit users when a well written report by a knowledgeable analyst can provide more comparative analysis than any chatboard debate can provide? Presently, compliance regulations keeps both the companies and media from publishing analyst reports direct, and the companies these analysts cover cannot publish these reports on their sites, only the sources who have covered them. This process forces the investor to hunt down these analysts and seek reports direct from the writing source, which they are allowed to distribute as they see fit.

Ideally, I wish that we as investors could source these reports on the exchanges where the company is trading so we can review all of them. And we, as media could compare them and provide what would undoubtedly make some great content for debate and discussion and shut down these boards where anonymity prospers. After all, the companies and the media cannot act so irresponsibly, why should these chatboards be able to do this?

This is one of the reasons why our discussions are monitored on InvestorIntel.com.

While I appreciate that judging the talents of an analyst goes well beyond their writing competency and their experience, and includes tracking their record for performance, it is my opinion that the best analysts should be allowed to receive a fan base once they prove a track record for doing this incredibly important job in the investment food chain.

More and more people are investing their own funds and managing their own money, when are we going to allow the retail audience to be equipped with the same tools as the professionals?

Please keep in mind that it is important to note that we as financial media, while allowed to report on these valuations, must be extraordinarily cautious to remind our readers that we are not licensed investment advisors and many of our comments must be limited to creative disclaimers to ensure that if the share price does not achieve the goals outlined in any valuation report that we have clearly stated that these numbers are not ours, but of the source cited and that we are neither liable or responsible.

But I believe (again, this is an opinion) that we do our investors a disservice by not being able to have a place where all of the research is published so that we may follow how the analyst formed their conclusion.

This weekend I asked Chris Thompson to explain how he did this Valuation Report on StageZero. He responded with a very thorough summary, which I enjoyed and thought I would share with you.

Chris Thompson response to the StageZero Valuation Report process was to provide the following summary:

The Valuation Report use three valuation methodologies to calculate the price per share for StageZero: (1) Comparative Company Analysis using Revenue, (2) Prior Mergers and Acquisitions Analysis, and (3) Discounted Cash Flow.

#### Revenue from Aristotle® Fuels Valuation

StageZero is a life science and telehealth company that recently launched Aristotle®, which is its next generation, proprietary clinical test for the early detection of cancer.

Aristotle<sup>®</sup> is the first-ever multi-cancer panel that simultaneously screens for 10 cancers from a single sample of blood with high sensitivity and specificity for each cancer.

StageZero commercially launched Aristotle® in April and, on the same day, announced the <u>acquisition</u> of Health Clinics and Care Oncology (HC Companies) to launch an early cancer diagnostic program under the trade name AVRT that is based on Aristotle®.

#### **Revenue Assumptions**

In the valuation report, eResearch analyst Chris Thompson (me) assumed that StageZero's Aristotle® testing revenue will commence in the third quarter this year and StageZero will close the acquisition of the HC Companies in 2021.

In addition, StageZero's COVID-19 testing solutions generated revenue of over US\$6.5 million in the past three quarters, and I expect this revenue to continue for the rest of 2021.

From these assumptions, we estimated StageZero will generate US\$16.7 million of revenue in 2021 and will also book a oneyear forward revenue of US\$23.0 million.

### Stock Price Valuation Summary

eResearch used the one-year forward revenue estimate of US\$23.0 million as a baseline and estimated revenue growth and EBITDA margins for the next five years, as well as calculating revenue multiples from various sources, with all assumptions outlined in the valuation report.

The three valuations methods are summarized here and presented in the table below:

- 1. **Revenue Multiples (3x to 12x revenue):** eResearch estimated that StageZero's stock price should be in the range of C\$1.24 to C\$3.99.
- 2. Prior Mergers & Acquisitions (1.2x to 45.x revenue): eResearch estimated that StageZero's stock price should be in the range of C\$0.67 to C\$14.14.
- 3. **Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) Method**: eResearch estimated that StageZero's stock price should be C\$3.18 in one year.

Overall, the calculations estimated StageZero's stock price valuation between C\$0.67 and C\$14.14.

Final Thoughts

With StageZero's recent <u>C\$7.2 million financing</u> strengthening its Balance Sheet and revenue from the COVID-19 testing bringing in additional cash flow, the company should have funds to complete the HC Companies acquisition and start commercializing Aristotle®.

StageZero closed Friday at C\$0.48 and currently has a Market Cap of less than C\$32 million.

The valuation estimates are well above StageZero's current stock price and illustrate the stock price's upside potential.

FIGURE 1: Summary of Stock Price Valuations

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So I must leave today's piece with a Disclaimer that we are not endorsing this Valuation Report and that StageZero is indeed an advertorial client for InvestorIntel Corp. To review the Disclaimers on this eResearch Valuation Report, please go the <u>Source.</u>

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## Early identification of colon cancer blood test places healthcare in patients hands

written by InvestorNews | June 28, 2021 In the <u>news release</u> announced this morning about one of the first blood tests to aid in the early identification of colorectal cancer, Chairman and CEO James Howard-Tripp of <u>StageZero Life Sciences, Ltd.</u> (TSX: SZLS) starts with "...patients want to control where their dollars go and they want to control how they get healthcare."

In an interview with InvestorIntel's Tracy Weslosky, James adds that "This is a way for them to get the tests done particularly for early cancer detection. We have been pushing into this quite strongly and we are starting to lift off. Last month we have had over a million impressions. That's people to whom our ads have gone and who have looked at the ads. When that starts to translate there are those who would come and download information and give you more information. They also give you permission to engage with them all the way to those who would buy the test online..."

James went on to provide an update on StageZero's entry into the European Market with Oncore Pharma as a licensing partner. Oncore Pharma, has signed a multi-year agreement with BodyCheck NL for the distribution and sale of StageZero's ColonSentry® throughout the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg. The multi-year agreement is valued at US\$40 million. James also said that StageZero is working with the firefighter population to improve early cancer detection and has become a go-to company for them. He said, "We can find ten cancers from a single sample of blood and we are way ahead of anyone else in terms of the science."

To access the complete interview, <u>click here</u>

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## StageZero's James Howard-Tripp on diagnosing cancer early

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"We are all about finding diseases early. Our current focus is on cancer. If you can find it early your survival is greatest, your costs are lower. That's what it is all about." States James Howard-Tripp, Chairman and CEO of <u>StageZero Life Sciences, Ltd.</u> (TSX: SZLS), in an interview with InvestorIntel's Tracy Weslosky.

James went on to provide an update on StageZero's collaboration with Coastal Medical (to increase outreach to physician practices and hospital systems throughout the Southeast). James said that they have fully trained the Salesforce and the Coastal Medical team is in the field. James also provided an update on StageZero's recent private placement. He said that the private placement was fully subscribed and the company has raised \$3.7 million. He further added that StageZero is expected to breakeven before year-end. The company is starting to ramp up and is expecting good growth in sales and revenue.

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# Dr. John Boone on how Izotropic's CT technology will outperform mammography for more accurate breast cancer detection

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"We believe, based upon our computer simulation, that breast CT system will outperform mammography, for instance for a 4 mm lesion, a pretty small tumor, by the order of 40%. We are very excited about the increase in cancer detection performance that breast CT will provide." States Dr. John Boone, Principal Founder, Director of <u>Izotropic Corporation</u> (CSE: IZO) and the <u>2019 William D. Coolidge Award Recipient</u> in an interview with InvestorIntel's Peter Clausi.

Dr. Boone went on to explain that Izotropic's breast CT technology is comfortable for patients as it does not involve painful breast compression and produces true 3-D images of breasts at very high resolution. Dr. Boone added that the technology has the potential to substantially reduce false-negative or false-positive breast biopsies thereby reducing the stress on the patient and also reducing the cost for the medical system.

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